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First Named Applicant	BROWN,		35 USC 154(b) term ext. = 0 Days.	

TITLE OF INVENTION COMPUTERIZED REWARD SYSTEM FOR ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION IN A HEALTH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 08/975,243	Applicant(s) Brown
	Examiner George Morgan	Group Art Unit 2761

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

This communication is responsive to December 17, 1999

The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-28

The drawings filed on Nov 21, 1997 are acceptable.

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____.

including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 6

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Examiner's Amendment/Comment

Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 2-28 are allowed.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art, when considered as a whole, fails to teach or fairly suggest a script generating means for generating a customized health management script from a plurality of questions, a plurality of actions and a plurality of educational programs; a script assigning means for assigning said customized health management script to said individual, wherein said assigned script comprises associated evaluation criteria, said associated evaluation criteria is based on said individual's responses to said generated script; a monitoring means for collecting compliance data indicative of said individual's compliance with said customized health management program, wherein at least a portion of the collected compliance data comprises said individual's response to said assigned customized health management script; a memory means for storing said compliance data and said evaluation criteria; an evaluation means for automatically comparing said collected compliance data to said evaluation criteria to determine a compliance status of said individual; and a reward dispensing means in communication with said evaluation means for dispensing a reward to said individual according to said compliance status; as specifically recited in the claims and as defined by the specification.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George Morgan whose telephone number is (703) 306-2906. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Todd Voeltz, can be reached on (703) 305-9714. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-0040.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

February 14, 2000

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